

Torrance, California
March 22, 1938

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a regular meeting in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California, on Tuesday, March 22, 1938, at 7:45 p.m.

Mayor Tolson called the meeting to order.

Clerk Bartlett called the roll, those answering present being Councilmen: Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell and Tolson.
Absent: Councilmen: Deininger.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the minutes of a regular meeting held March 8, 1938 and of an adjourned regular meeting held March 15, 1938 be approved as written. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

A communication from Torrance Musicians Society, Inc. was read, requesting an allocation of \$300.00 for the performance of one concert and one opera, and asking that a committee be appointed to study the furtherance of Symphony.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the Mayor appoint a committee to investigate this matter and report at the next meeting. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously. The Mayor then appointed Councilman Hitchcock and McGuire to act on this committee.

A communication signed by Mrs. F.C. Winkler was read, requesting that a eucalyptus tree at 1507 El Prado be trimmed. Councilman Hitchcock moved that the entire Council meet Saturday, March 26, at 12:00 a.m. and investigate this matter. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication from Mr. R. L. Stubblefield, requesting permission to operate a pool hall at 23223 Narbonne Avenue, was read. Councilman Powell moved that the request be granted. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication from the Torrance Chamber of Commerce was read, calling attention to the fact that comment had been received in that office concerning non-appearance of Torrance rainfall recordings in the Los Angeles newspapers, particularly on days following Saturdays and Sundays. This was explained by the fact that the Torrance rain gauge is located at Torrance High School, and that no recordings are made on these days due to the absence of the person whose duty it is to make such recordings. It was suggested that the rain gauge, property of the City of Torrance, be removed from the High School and installed in the Torrance Fire Hall, where daily recordings could be made.

Councilman Powell moved that Mr. Gascoigne, Street Superintendent, be instructed to remove the rain gauge from the High School and install it in the Torrance Fire Hall. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication from the Pacific Electric Railway Company was read, asking that executed copy of Easement covering culvert at Carson Street and Border Street be returned to that company.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read:

RESOLUTION NO. 1181

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION AND RECORDING OF EASEMENT FOR CULVERT PURPOSES ACROSS A PORTION OF PACIFIC ELECTRIC RAILWAY COMPANY'S RIGHT OF WAY AT CARSON STREET AND BORDER AVENUE.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 1181 be adopted. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: Deininger.

A communication from the Richfield Oil Corporation was read, advising that St. Paul Mercury Indemnity Company Bond No. 14238 was being substituted for Fidelity & Deposit Company of Maryland Bond No. 3599230. It was requested that Cancellation of Bond No. 3599230 be authorized.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Fidelity & Deposit Company of Maryland Bond No. 3599230 be cancelled. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read:

ORDINANCE NO. 302

AN ORDINANCE FIXING SALARIES AND PENAL SUMS OF OFFICIAL BONDS OF CITY CLERK AND CITY TREASURER.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that further reading of Ordinance No. 302 be dispensed with. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Ordinance No. 302 be adopted for final reading. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Deininger.

Upon inquiry of Councilman Powell as to what had been done

toward remedying the bad situation of sand blowing from the vegetable gardens on Torrance Boulevard into residences on Cedar Street, Attorney McCall stated that action should be taken by the property owners who are being inconvenienced and damaged. He stated further that a group of property owners could take the action, or that one person could take action for the benefit of himself and the other persons concerned.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$75.00 be made for a tank of oil for the Street Department. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: Deininger.

Mr. Young informed the Council that March 31, 1938 had been set as the next meeting date of the Southwestern District Highway Association, said meeting to be held at the Palos Verdes Country Club.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$25.00 be made for the Southwestern District Highway Association. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: Deininger.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Mrs. Kent asked that something be done about enforcing the ordinance against heavy trucking in the residential district on 220th Street. The matter was referred to the Chief of Police for immediate investigation.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that all bills properly audited be paid. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Deininger.

After a brief discussion, Councilman McGuire moved that the DeMolay ball team be granted permission to use the Ball Park one night each week of the succeeding baseball season, the group to pay the expense of lighting. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

At 8:12 p.m., upon motion of Councilman Hitchcock, seconded by Councilman McGuire, the meeting adjourned to April 5, 1938 at 7:45 p.m.

A. H. Bartlett
City Clerk of the City of Torrance

Approved:

Wm. H. Tolson
Mayor of the City of Torrance